## SPECIAL: We grill the murder suspects





JOB: Partner in King & Sons.
RELATIONSHIP: Son MELATIONSHIP: Son and business partner. MOTIVE: Tom held Jimmy back, favouring Matthew or Carl in the business. Jimmy also blames Tom for the house collapse. PREVIOUS CONVICTION: Drunk and disorderly, December 2005.

Q: What did you do when you learned Tom had been murdered? A: I tried to get near him, but Rosemary was all over him. Then I saw Bob climbing down the drainpipe. It was obvious he had something to do with it. Q: So you think Bob did it?
A: He looked quilty as did it?
A: He looked guilty as hell. Maybe it was an accident, but Bob's your man. Q: Did your dad

deserve to die?

A: I won't lie. He made my life hell sometimes. But he was my dad and I loved him.



JOB: Partner in King RELATIONSHIP: Son RELATIONSHIP: Son and business partner.
MOTIVE: Tom put paid to his relationship with Chastity and tried to control his life.

PREVIOUS CONVICTION: Arrest for indecency, May 2004.

Q: When did you last see your dad alive? A: There was an argument. I was angry over the way he treated Chas. We had words, the last I said to him. Q: What did you do

when you found out he'd been murdered? A: I heard screaming and ran over. Nothing

could have prepared me for what I saw.

Q: Who do you think

did it?

A: Dad annoyed a lot of people. It could be Bob, Jamie, Terry, even Rosemary – she was only after his money.

Q: Do you think he deserved to die?

A: I'd never wish him dead. He was my dad.

JOB: Ex-mechanic.
RELATIONSHIP: No
direct relationship with
Tom, but a close friend
of his former PA, Edna.
MOTIVE: Revenge.
Tom threatened to
blackmail Edna, love of
Len's life, forcing her to
expose her secret.
PREVIOUS
CONVICTIONS: None. CONVICTIONS: None

Q: What did you do when you heard about the murder? A: I went to find Pearl, check she was OK. Q: Who do you think did it?

did it?
A: People were
queueing up. I couldn't
care less who did it, I'm
just glad someone did.
Q: Did Tom deserve

to die?
A: I won't shed one single tear now he's gone. He destroyed Edna by betraying her secret and used her affection for him to try to coerce her into protecting his rotten family. Edna will never



RELATIONSHIP: Sworn enemy of Tom. MOTIVE: Revenge. The King family's negligence caused the house collapse, causing his daughter's death. PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS: None.

Q: What were you doing up at Home Farm? A: I went to see Tom. It was our first Christmas without Dawn and there he was, getting married, I thought I'd do something so he knew how we felt. Then he found me there and we had words. But I

didn't kill him. Q: What did you do when you learned he had been murdered?

A: I panicked and fled.

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Then Jimmy caught up
with me and accused
me of murder.
Q: If you didn't do it,
who did?
A: Tom King had no shortage of enemies. **Q:** Did he deserve to die? A: I'd rather have seen him in court than dead.



JOB: Manager of Home Farm Estates.
RELATIONSHIP: Tom's new wife. MOTIVE: Financial. MOTIVE: Financial.
Rosemary is shocked
to learn that Tom has
set up a trust for his
estate to go to his
sons, not to her.
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:

Q: What did you do when you learned Tom had been murdered? A: I heard a scream from the driveway. I thought a guest had too much fizz. I couldn't believe it when I saw him lying there. Q: Who do you think did it?

did it?

A: Matthew. He's clever enough. He probably felt threatened that Tom had given me control of Home Farm Estates and was thinking about handing King & Sons over to Carl.

Q: Did Tom deserve to the

A: No. I loved Tom. Why would I kill him?



JOB: Solicitor.
RELATIONSHIP: Victim's son-in-law. MOTIVE: Tom was set to give everything to his sons, instead of his mum. He threatened to se him as gay. PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS: None.

Q: What did you do when you found Tom had been murdered? A: I heard screams so I ran to where they were coming from. I saw Tom on the ground and phoned an ambulance. I was shocked when I realised he'd come through the window. Q: Who do you think

A: I wouldn't put it past one of his sons. They all resented him. And with all the talk of changing his will, it's no wonder they got twitchy.

Q: Did he deserve to die?

A: Tom was brutish and vulgar, and even had the nerve to criticise my sexuality. But I'd never have wished the man dead.



JOB: B&B proprietor. RELATIONSHIP: Former employee of Tom. Ex-husband of Dawn, who died in house collapse, and father of her son, TJ. MOTIVE: Blames Tom for Dawn's death and the break-up with part-ner Jean, who fled the country with his son.
PREVIOUS CONVIC-TION: Arrested for indecency, June 2006.

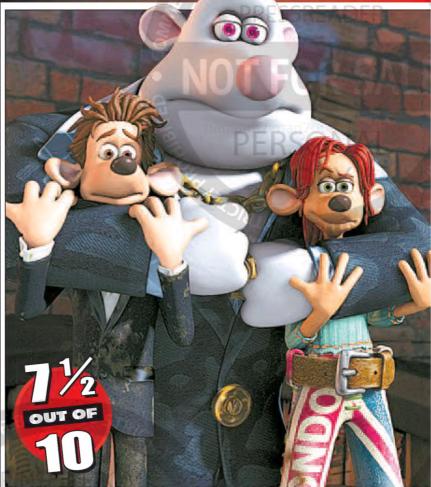
Q: What did you do when you learned Tom had been murdered? A: I heard about it from Louise and Hari, but i didn't have time to stick around. Like I cared anyway!
Q: Who do you think did it? Q: Who do you think did it?
A: Bob's a good friend, but he's obsessed with revenge. When I lost TJ, revenge didn't seem so important as getting my son back.
Q: Did Tom deserve to die?

to die?
A: Yes. I'm glad someone had the guts to do it. He was an evil man.

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# ARDMAN'S



FLUSHED AWAY (U)

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NEVER try to pass off a

toilet as a Jacuzzi...

That's the trick pulled by
pampered post mouse Roddy in
the hope of pulling the chain on
the coarse sewer rat that invades
his posh pad in Kensington - but
he simply ends up being flushed
down the pan himself.

To his surprise, Roddy ends up
in a bustling rodent metropolis
below London.

## Sinful

There, he and streetwise rodent

There, he and streetwise rodent boat captain Rita find themselves ranged against the sinful megalomaniac Toad, who intends to flush away the underground city. Aardman, whose animated classics include Wallace and Gromit and Chicken Run, have joined up with Hollywood's DreamWorks Studios to give birth to this mirthfilled crayer comedy.

Statutos to give birth to this initialitied crazy comedy.
Sadly, Nick Park's time-and-money-consuming Plasticine animation technique has been

replaced by cheaper, quicker computer-created animation but that aside, Flushed Away hits the spot.

X-Men adversaries Hugh Jackman, who speaks for Roddy, and Ian McKellen, camping it up like Stephen Fry on speed as Toad, are terriffic, while Kate Winslet is a hit as Rita.

Youngsters will have a ball watching the resolute rodents' adventures battling Toad's henchrats Spike and Whitey.

Adults, too, can't fail to enjoy a comedy that includes England winning the World Cup (it's a fantasy, after all) and witty movie spoofs.

Even Prince Charles is given a comic check since Toad was once his pet and only turned nasty ("I was cruelly plunged into a whirlpool of despair") after HRH cruelly flushed him away in favour of a new pet.



VILLAIN: Toad's a nasty piece of work



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## BEST OF THE REST... BEST OF THE REST

## novel idea

### STRANGER THAN FICTION (15)

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"THIS may sound like gibberish to you," says stressed-out tax inspector Will Ferrell, when he discovers the disembodied voice that he keeps on hearing narrating his life story belongs to novelist Emma Thompson. It turns out that luckless Will sin't simply a taxman but also a character in Emma's latest novel and, like all her characters, he's doomed to die. Understandably, this freaks him out, especially when he finally finds out there's no way to save himself.

If all that sounds more than just a tad twee to you, you're right. Stranger Than Fiction aspires to be a super-surreal fantasy on the lines of Being John Malkovich but never quite makes the grade.

## Chronic

Newcomer Zach Helm's script is too clever by half while the equally over-cute direction by Marc Forster didn't succeed in keeping my mounting irritation at bay. Ferrell's stab at serious acting fails to draw dramatic blood. He tries hard but for most of the film he just looks as though he's suffering from chronic constipation and left me having to strain for laughs. It's left to Thompson, who's a delight as the cynical chain-smoking writer, and Dustin Hoffman's literary professor whom Ferrell consults when he finds out he is a fictional character, to steal the show,



## Rail ride to terror

LONDON TO BRIGHTON (15)

this taut, talented ler is anything to go writer and director Andrew Williams is the way to becoming of the biggest names ritish films. e low-budget, high-act film kicks off gruingly with bester.

SERIOUSLY POOR: Will Ferrell



gripping. VERDICT: 8/10





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BIG NOTHING (15)

ACTRESS Mimi Rogers hasn't really been having the best of

really been having the best of times recently.

First her ex-husband Tom Cruise remarries in a tsunami of hype and now, in this black comedy, she exits the movie with an axe in her head.

In smalltown Oregon (capably played by the Isle of Man), out-of-work teacher David Schwimmer loses his job in a call centre and agrees to join comman Simon Pegg and his exgirifriend Alice Eve in their "foolproof" blackmall scheme.

But their plan to con a churchman who's

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UK TOP 10

been downloading porn goes pear-shaped, corpses start to mount up and, worse still, Schwimmer's policewoman wife Natascha McElhone starts to investigate. You're unlikely to remember the warped goings-on for long but thanks to its high spirits and amusingly dark tone the genially gruesome show never outstays its welcome.

VERDICT: 6/10

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## US TOP 10

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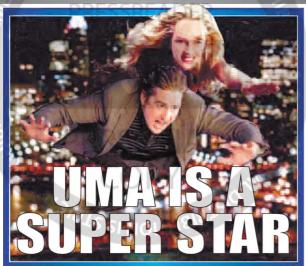
## SOON

NEXT WEEK
EVEN James Bond
wasn't able to deal
decisively with the
dancing penguins who populate the computeranimated musical Happy Feet, which beat Casino Royale to the top of the US box-office

charts...
THE WEEK AFTER THE WEEK AFTER
A FARM boy's discovery
of a dragon's egg leads
him on a mission to
save his home from a
malign monarch in the
fantasy adventure
Eragon which co-stars
Jeremy Irons...

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## > TAKE IT HOME



DUMPING a girlfriend is the hardest thing most men ever do – so spare a thought for Matt Saunders.
Along with being meaner than an angry rattlesnake, his girl just happens to be a superhero with extra-special powers that make Superman look like Scott Henshall.

My Super Ex-Girlfriend is

Henshall.

My Super Ex-Girlfriend is released to buy and rent on DVD on Monday, priced £17.99.

But if you can't wait that long to see Uma Thurman torment Luke Wilson, we've got 15 copies of the comic caper to give away courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment. Simply answer the



## ALAN FRANK'S VERDICT

wall.
"I'm sorry, I'll get you a new one," she says. "A new bed or willy?" he asks. "Both," is her reply.
Sadly for Wilson, he dumps Thurman for Anna Faris – big mistake. Thurman turns out to be seri-

ously jealous, boiling his goldfish with her heat-ray eyes and stealing his car and sending it into orbit. This light and silly fantasy comedy isn't trying for significance: instead it simply sets out to entertain and if you're in the mood for a ridiculous, raunchy romcom with smart special effects it delivers the goods. Thurman is great in her superbabe suit while Wilson is an effective foil to her vigorous version of romance. VERDICT: 8/10

## ALAN FRANK'S DVD SLOT

BEST OF THE REST Superman Returns (12) (Wamner DVD) IS IT a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's hunky Brandon Routh soar-ing to stardom as Superman to save mankind from Lex Luthor. He's back after five years revisiting the

years revisiting the ruins of Krypton to find that to find that Metropolis is crime-ridden.

He soon finds Lois Lane has moved on and has won a Pulitzer Prize

Pulitzer Prize
for her piece
Why The World
Doesn't Need
Superman.
Worse still,
Luthor has
avoided going to
jail and is planning to use the ning to use the Man of Steel's

own powers to create a new continent in

own powers a new continent in the Atlantic. Routh firmly fills his predecessor's tights, is soulful and sensitive when necessary and suitably nerdy as alter-ego Clark Kent. VERDICT: 9/10

Over the Hedge (PG) (DreamWorks DVD) COMEDY and a

sprinkle of sarcasm to satisfy adults are the adults are the hallmarks of a suburban riff on the animal antics of cartoons like The Wild.

Bruce Willis is the voice of a smooth-talking raccon who

raccoon who cons a bunch of animals into helping him steal

the supplies he needs to give to a brown bear whose food he has stolen. Gary Shandling scores speaking for a turtle, Steve Carell is the voice of a squirrel and William Shatner loins in a passum joins in as a possum. VERDICT: 7/10

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VERDICT: 9/10



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11.00 To Buy Or Not To Buy Presented by Sarah Walker. 2623
11.30 Bargain Hunt An auction in Mold. (W) (S) Followed by BBC News, (W) (S) Weather. 1874130
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2.35 Murder, She Wrote Angela Lansbury stars. (R.S) 2306994
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12.00 The Daily Politics (S) 14197

12.30 Working Lunch Adrian
Chiles and Adam Shaw discuss
the latest stories from the business
world. (S) 87710

1.30 FILM: Billion Dollar Brain
1967 (PG) Espionage thriller starring
Michael Caine, (W) (S) 90097401

3.15 Castle In The Country John
Craven explores Mount Stuart on
the island of Bute. (W) (S) 580130

3.45 Flog It! From Ipswich. 4274994

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook
With Lesley Waters. (W) (S) 7292604

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Modern. (R,S) 20246

10.00 Sex, Lies And Soaps (R,S)
Followed by Tate Modern. 70888

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10.30 Young Black Farmers (R,S) Last in series. Followed by 3 Minute Wonder. (R,S) 78062
11.30 My Crazy Life (R,S) 6062
12.00 News At Noon (S) 36915
12.30 Headland (S) 9869420
12.55 The King Of Queens Doug takes Arthur to a basketball game. (R,S) 73815913
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2.35 Third Watch Jimmy gets a promotion. (R,S) 5637623

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3.30 Countdown Mel Giedroyc guests. (S) 3065176
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5.00 The New Paul O'Grady
Show Guest host Brian Conley chats to Lois Walsh. (S) 7333
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home is destroyed by a hurricane. 78

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11.30 five news (S) 2455517
12.00 Home And Away Matilda admits she needs help. (S) 3826517
12.30 BrainTeaser Quiz designed to test the mind. 22613739
1.35 FILM: The Ladles 1987 (PG) Drama, starring Talia Balsam and Patricia Elliott. (S) 23825246
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3.40 FILM: Chance Of Snow 19 (PG) Heart-warming drama, starri JoBeth Williams and Charles Durning. (S) 1719826 5.30 five news And Ashes Special Report 9728739 6.00 Home And Away 9718352 6.30 In The Grid Gameshow. Followed by Weather. 9709604

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Talk show. (W) (S) 4412826
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Celebrity Special Live update
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and Peter Andre look ahead to

and Peter Andre look ariead to tonight's final. (W) (S) 36933 12.30 Loose Women Singer Simon Webbe and X Factor judge Louis Walsh chat to panellists Kate Garaway, Coleen Nolan and Carol McGiffin. (W) (S) 81536 1.30 ITV News (S) 25791 2.00 The Price Is Right (S) 6604 2.30 Dickinson's Real Deal Chelsea dealer lan Towning offers two Newcastle women 2350 for their Japanese box and opera glasses. (W) (S) 51159 3.28 Local Weather (S) 8724604 3.30 CITV: Jim Jam & Sunny (W) (S) 36342352 3.40 Planet Sketch (S) 3638988 3.55 Tricky Quickles (R)

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7.30 Big Cat Diary Chui the leopard hunts a giraffe, while

a troop of baboons attack a

cheetah cub. (R) (W) (S) 84

8.00 EastEnders The wedding

quests are shocked by lan's revelation, while Peggy realises

her preparations have been for nothing. (AD) (W) (S) 1772

8.30 Out-Take TV Anne

Robinson presents another raid

on the archives. (W) (S) 9997

You Ann Widdecombe hosts

the satirical quiz. (W) (S) 9159

Sal misses her job at the surgery

and sneaks in to give someone treatment. (W) (S) 28888

10.00 BBC News (W) (S) 17284

latest TV programme Christmas Kitchen. (W) (S) 640710

11.35 FILM: Days Of Thunder

1990 (15) Motor racing drama, starring Tom Cruise, Nicole

Kidman, Robert Duvall. Randv

Quaid and John C Reilly. (W) (S) Followed by Weatherview. 603642

1.20 BBC News 24 58532753

10.30 Local News, (W) (S)

Weather 818246 10.35 Friday Night With Jonathan Ross Food guru Nigella Lawson talks about her

9.00 Have I Got News For

9.30 Jam & Jerusalem

A QUESTION OF SPORT: Bolton boxer Amir Khan tests his sporting knowledge,

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7.30 Christine's Garden Horticulturist Christine Walkden is asked to assess the effectiveness of a grow mat made from human hair. (S) 46

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9.00 Simon Schama's Power Of Art The historian investigates the creation of Pablo

Picasso's Guernica and how the artist attempted to make a modern history painting based on the bombing of the ancient town. (AD) (W) (S) 5826

**10.00 QI** Guests Graeme Garden, Johnny Vaughan and Phill Jupitus join regular contributor Alan Davies and host Stephen Fry. (W) (S) 15826

10.30 Newsnight Gavin Esler presents a round-up of the day's events. (W) (S) 891517

11.05 Cricket: The Ashes Australia v England. (S) 685178

11.40 Later With Jools Holland Red Hot Chili Peppers and Keane perform. (S) 783826

**12.50 BBC News 24** (S) *9424956* **2.00** BBC Learning Zone: **2.00-6.00** General Interest: Blast (S) *3083531* 

10 CATS: Jimmy Carr hosts the irreverent nel show

7.00 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather. (S) 8062
7.30 Unreported World Five

years after the fall of the Taliban, reporter Kate Clark finds out what Western intervention nas achieved in Northern Afghanistan. (S) 2

8.00 Unanimous Kelly forms an alliance with Pip and Alex in a bid to win the cash, but her plan backfires spectacularly. Sian is forced to pick an outcast – with dramatic results. (S) 6230

9.00 The Simpsons Mr Burns 9.00 The simpsons Mr Burns hires Homer to amuse him by playing pranks on all and sundry. (R,S) 5197
9.30 The simpsons Homer is presented a marilluna board.

prescribed a marijuana-based medication to help him cope with a traumatic experience. 44826

**10.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats** Jimmy Carr hosts. (S) *86474* 

10.30 Blunder Maverick vet Colonel Rudd makes an error.

11.05 The Russell Brand **Show** The comic presents sketches, interviews and live music. (S) 782420

11.55 My Name Is Earl
A penitent Earl tries to make amends at Christmas. (R.S) 235159

12.20 The Album Chart Show 5191840 12.50 Gumball 3000 (R) 8533145 1.20 Gumball 3000 (R) 5263666 1.55 Late Night Pok Masters (R) 8998802 **3.25** World Cup Snowboard 883376 **5.15-6.00** Countdown (R,S) 6097208



WYATT EARP: Kevin Costner plays the lead role in this epic Western.

7.00 five news And Ashes Special Report (S) 3455389 7.30 Pimp My Ride UK A 1991 Kia Pride belonging to ar Olympic hopeful is transformed

with the addition of weird and wonderful accessories. Followed by five news update. 9705888

8.00 World's Strongest Man

**Super Series** New series following the qualifying events of the World's Strongest Man competition, where entrants face a gruelling set of physical tests as they aim to reach the finals, 3702642

9.00 FILM: Wyatt Earp 1994 (12) Kevin Costner takes the title role in this chronicle of the legendary lawman's life, from his youth to his days as the feared and respected town marshal who engineered the gunfight at the OK Corral, an ultimately tragic confrontation with two notorious outlaw gangs. Lawrence Kasdan's masterly Western epic, co-starring Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday, with Gene Hackman, Michael Madsen, Isabella Rossellini, Bill Pullman and Catherine O'Hara. (AD) (S) 18442642

12.35 Cathouse 7452024 1.05 The

Great Big Quiz 58993802 5.35-6.00 Wildlife SOS (R,S) 91481024

CORONATION STREET: Danny takes Jamie on a terrifying car

7.00 Emmerdale Paddy comforts Toni and the pair share a passionate kiss. Katie is forced to entrust her business to Jo. 4820
7.30 Coronation Street Jamie

returns to the Street, where Danny bundles him into the car for a terrifying journey. (W) (S) 72

8.00 Tonight With Trevor **McDonald** Topical investigative reports exploring the stories behind the headlines. (S) 6468

8.30 Coronation Street Danny and Jamie's high-speed car ride comes to a dramatic end at the viaduct. (AD) (W) (S) 5975

9.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Final After three gruelling weeks of roughing it in the Australian rainforest, the survivors who have proved their staving power through a series of gut-churning challenges face the final vote to discover who is this year's king or queen of the jungle. (W) (S) 8284

**10.30 ITV News** Including Local News and Weather. *88772* 

11.00 Take That - For The Record Another chance to see the documentary in which Robbie Williams, Gary Barlow, Jason Orange, Howard Donald and Mark Owen recalled the band's career. (W) 634791

**12.25 Make Your Play** (W) Followed by ITV News. *34445208* **4.10** 60 Minute Makeover (R) (SL) (W) (S) *2201937* **5.00-5.30** ITV Nightscreen *51314* 

(S) SUBTITLES (R) REPEAT (AD) AUDIO DESCRIPTION (SL) SIGN LANGUAGE (W) WIDESCREEN

9.25 Coronation Street (AD) (R) (W) (S) 5330807 9.55 Emmerdale Eric arranges a DNA test. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 6717604 10.25 The Montel Williams Show

10.25 The Montel Williams Show
Topical debate. (R) 9736081
11.10 Judge Judy (R) (S) 2231979
12.30 Coronation Street Yana
makes a pass at Les. (AD) (S) 33807
1.00 Emmerdale Eric arranges a
DNA test. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 74130
1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show
Talk show. (R) (W) (S) 2303371
2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show
Talk show. (R) 6748178
3.40 Ricki Lake (R) 2247517
4.30 Sally Jessy Raphael
Us chat show. (R) 7195246
5.15 Judge Judy (R) 480791
5.45 Movies Now (R) 906468
5.55 The New Adventures Of
Superman (R) 419791

Superman (R) 419791 6.55 The Xtra Factor: The 6.55 The Xtra Factor: The Aftermath (F) (W) 520791
7.55 The Xtra Factor: Xcess All Areas Ben Shephard goes behind the scenes. (W) 179449
9.00 Trinny & Susannah
Undress The duo meet a couple married for 14 years. (F) (S) 40062
10.00 Dating The Enemy
A no-nonsense Liverpudilan dates a trendy Londoner. (R) (W) (S) 19739
10.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me
Out Of Here Now! Finale
Kelly Osbourne and Jeff Brazier interview the winner. (W) 91739

interview the winner. (W) 91739

11.30 Coronation Street Norris gets in trouble, AD) (R) (W) (S) 69710 12.00 Coronation Street (AD) (R) (W) (S) 48111 12.30 Test Drive My Girlfriend (R) 11579 1.00 Playdate (W) 6664024 4.00 Playdong 89753

### **ITV3**

5.10 ITV3 Nightscreen 1905536 Survival (R) 6221913 Film File 70358807

7.05 Peak Practice Medical drama, starring Haydrin Gwynne. (S) 9259772 8.05 Ironside (R) 93-46994 9.05 The Rockford Files

meets Beth's cousin. (R) (S) 2422826 10.10 The Return Of Sherlock Holmes (R) 9388710

10.10 The Return Of Sherlock Holmes (R) *9388710* 11.15 Pie In The Sky (R) *9187265* 12.20 Rumpole Of The Bailey Courtroom drama. (R) *2767197* 1.30 Wycliffe (R) *7055536* 2.30 Ironside Detective drama

series. (R) 2930913 3.35 No Job For A Lady Sitcom.

3.35 No Job For A Lady Sitcom, starring Penelope Keith. (R) 454594
4.10 The Rockford Files Jim meets Beth's cousin. (R) (S) 9178401
5.10 Peak Practice Medical drama, starring Haydn Gwynne. (S) 7153536
6.15 No Job For A Lady Sitcom, eterring Penelope Keith. (R) 8231301

b.15 No Job For A Lady Sitcom, starring Penelope Keith. (R) 8330130
6.50 Rumpole Of The Bailey The lawyer defends a soldier. 1641604
8.00 The Two Ronnies 8870517
9.00 Fil.M: Turner & Hooch 1989 (PG) (W) 8873604
11.00 Tales Of The Unexpected Strance stories. (R) 8033913

Strange stories. (R) 8033913
11.35 Tales Of The Unexpected

1.35 Idles VI Ine Unexpected Short, spooky stories. (R) 3569244 12.05 Verdict (R) (S) 6901598 1.10 Framed (R) 51011773 2.10 Peak Practice (R) W) (S) 5337573 5.05 Noah's Ark (R) 2745014 4.00-6.00 Teleshopping 1869840

## ITV4

6.00 Married - With Children Comedy, starring Ed O'Neill and Katey Sagal. (R) 86065739 Married – With Children

Family comedy. (R) *86049791*7.00 Now And Again (R) *50766197*8.00 Martial Law (R) *50742517*9.00 Police, Camera, Action! Erratic lane-changers. (R) 95979569 9.30 James Bond: For Real

10.00 FILM: Never Say Never Again 1983 (PG) Classic action adventure, starring Sean Connery as 007. (W) 66100536

as 007. (W) 6610556 (R) (S) 15725208 1.10 Police, Camera, Action! (R) 17961840 1.40 Dinner For Five 57124821 2.40 LAPD: Life On The Beat (R) (SL) 40470685 3.05 LAPD (SL) 86140956 3.35 Teleshopping 39641376 5.35 ITV4 Nightscreen 65125463 5.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 65125463 5.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 65146956 5.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 65137208



I'M A CELEBRITY... ITV1, 9pm

### WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH TODAY

IF you've been hooked for the past three weeks, like any reasonably balanced human being ought to have been, to I'M A CELEBRITY... GET ME OUT OF HERE! (17V1, 9pm), then you hardly need me to remind you that tonight is the live final, at the end of which the winner will take possession of weigning champion Cawol Thatcher's coworn.

And yet here I am, reminding you anyway. Makes no sense, really, does it?

does if?

BEFORE all that gets
underway, there's a double
helping of CORONATION
STREET (ITV1, 7.30pm, 8.30pm).
And it's powerful stuff, as Danny

and Jamie's father-son feud over Frankie looks set to come to a messy end. For reasons way too implausible to bother going into, the pair of them end up together at the viaduct where Danny's taken to hanging out these past few days. "So a quick smack didn't entirely satisfy your male pride, then?" goes Jamie. "What, you're gonna dome in, are you?"

Danny insists this isn't his plan, then gives an alarming indication of what is – forcing Jamie to hang on to him as he hangs over the edge. "All you gotta do now is let me go..." he suggests. Meanwhile, back on the street itself, Norris is getting himself into trouble with his

night-vision goggles, bought to help him nab the mystery graffiti artist. When his gaze happens to stray, he ends up focusing on the bedroom window where Tracy is undressing – prompting Charlie to storm over and sort him out. "You filthy little pervert!" he yells.

ELSEWHERE, in EASTENDERS (BBC1, 8pm), lan and Jane resort to mud-wrestling to sort out their personal differences.

AND in HOLLYOAKS

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## **ALAN FRANK'S TELLY MOVIES**

STAR RATINGS

\*\*\*\*\*Don't miss it \*\*\*\*Good \*\*\*Average
\*\*Time filler \*Garbage!

BILLION DOLLAR BRAIN (1967) \*\*\*\*
BBC2 1.30-3.15pm. Spy thriller. British secret agent Michael Caine comes out of retirement to take a strange package to Finland where he faces danger and death when he tangles with a mega

Homolka and Karl Malden.

THE LADIES (TVM, 1987) \*\*\* Five 1.35-3.40pm. Drama. A middle-aged woman struggles to make a new life after she manages to get a divorce but begins to clash with her free-spirited daughter when she moves in with her for a while. Starring Talia Balsam, Patricia Elliott, Jeanne Mori, Robert Webber and Steven Peterman.

CHANCE OF SNOW (TVM, 1998) \*\*\*
Five 3.40-5.30pm. Drama. JoBeth
Williams and Michael Ontkean are heading for divorce when seasonal blizzards force estranged couple to spend Christmas together instead of jetting off on separate holidays. Also starring Charles Durning, Dina Merrill and Barbara Barrie.

Barbara Barrie.

WYATT EARP (1994) \*\*\*\* Five 9.00pm12.35am. Western biopic. After the death of his wile, lawman Kevin Costner becomes sheriff in Tombstone where, joined by Doc Holliday, he and his brothers take on outlaw gangs at the farmed OK Corral. Also starring Gene Hackman, Dennis Quaid and David Andrews.

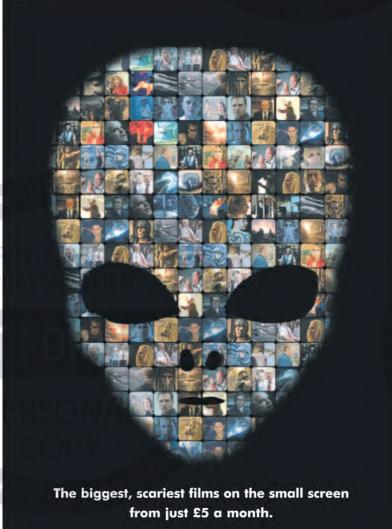
DAYS OF THUNDER (1990) \*\*\* BBC1 11.35pm-1.20am. Sports drama.
Ambitious young stock car race driver Tom Cruise persuades a racing car legend to build him a car that will enable him to win the championship – but a crash almost kills him. Also starring Robert Duvall, Randy Quaid and Nicole Kidman.

## **REGIONAL VARIATIONS**

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1.35 Hollyoaks: In The City 86171260 2.35 The Russell Brand Show 69071956 3.15 Film: Purely Belter 73715482 4.55 Diwedd



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NIGHTLY FROM 10:00PM TO 5:30AM

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## TV GUIDE:

## ...ON LAST **NIGHT'S T**

IN FEBRUARY 1997, U.S. President Bill Clinton paid tribute to a woman who'd been dubbed a gold-digger and shunned by polite society, whose fortunes had yo-yoed from penury to spending millions a vear on flowers alone. When Pamela Churchill died, aged 76, Clinton said simply: "Today 1 am here, because she was there."

CHURCHIL'S GIRL (Ch4) told a tale so remarkable that novelists must have been kicking themselves for not making it up. Born to respectable English gentry, Pamela Digby longed to escape the routine of country life. She took a job in the Foreign Office in the war, where she met Randolph Churchill, the outrageous son of the future Prime Minister. Quickly sensing her magnetic power over

men, her father-in-law encouraged her to develop a relationship with the wealthy Averill Harriman, regarded as President Roosevelt's top man in Europe. With Pam as his secret agent – at least according to this documentary – Winston Churchill was able to persuade the Americans to enter the war.

### Flame

Whether you believe that or not, Pam Churchill seems to have been a remarkable woman. Her early experiences as Winston Churchill's confidante convinced her that powerful men were vulnerable pussycats, if only you knew how to handle them, and after divorcing Pandolm she wont looking for a divorcing Randolph, she went looking for a new husband in Washington. After another

millionaire spouse died and left her no money in his will – because she'd spent it already – she got on the phone to her old flame Averell, who in addition to being recently widowed, was 79 and extremely rich.

Pam became the elder stateswoman of the Democrat party, making young Bill Clinton her protegé. When he became President, he made her U.S. Ambassador to Paris and when she died there, the French and American leaders almost fell out over who should give her the greatest honour.

her the greatest honour.

And just as Pamela achieved all of this with her wits alone, this programme recognised that it needed no gimmicks, no arty editing or over-acted reconstructions to jazz up the material – the woman was quite enough.

## **FILMS**

### SKY MOVIES 1

6.50am Boys Klub (2001) (PG) Baskeiball drama. 80053642 8.45 The 12 Days Of Christmas Eve (2004) (PG) Seasonal drama, starring Steven Weber. 92879517 10.20 Sky Movies News 1310994 10.50 Confessions Of An Ugly Stepsister (2001) (U) Comedy, wilt Stockard Chaning. 14042555 with Stockard Channing, 14942555 12.30pm Boys Klub (2001) (PG)

Basketball drama. 50948826
2.25 The 12 Days Of Christmas
Eve (2004) (PG) Seasonal drama,
starring Steven Weber. 997081

starring Steven Weber, 997081
4.00 The Legend Of Frosty The
Snowman (2005) (U) Animation, w
the voice of Burt Reynolds. 25736772
5.35 Popcorn Comic quiz. 192178
6.05 Confessions Of An Ugly

6.05 Confessions Of An Ugly Stepsister (2001) (U) Comedy, starring Stockard Channing, 68723772 8,00 The Constant Gardener (2005) (15) Acclaimed drama, with Ralph Fiennes. 56066197 10.15 Commando (1985) (18) Action adventure. 114913 11.50 Renegades (1989) (18) Action adventure. 1with Kiefer Sutherland. 220333 1.40am Dominion: Prequel To The Exorcist (2005) (15) Horror, starring Stellan Skarsgard. 440395

Stellan Skarsgard. 440395
3.40 It's All Gone Pete Tong (2004)
(15) Comedy, starring Paul Kaye. 632685
5.35-7.00 The Legend Of Frosty

The Snowman (2005) (U) Animation,

### SKY MOVIES 2

6.30am Blessings (2003) (PG) 8.25 Can't Be Heaven (1999) (PG) 10.10 Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG) Fantasy. 74552517 11.55 Chasing Christmas (2005) Comedy. 40525081 1.30pm Blessings (2003) (PG) Drama. 96130 3.00 Can't Be Heaven (1999) (PG) Drama. 43021739 4.45 Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG)

Fantasy adventure. 88413081 6.30 Chasing Christmas (2005) Premiere, Comedy starring Tom Arnold and Andrea Roth. 19826 8.00 Catwoman (2004) (12) Comic

book adventure, with Halle Berry. 19178 10.00 Domino (2005) (15) Premiere Fhriller, starring Keira Knightley. 6349391 12.10am After The Sunset (2004)

(12) Thriller. 885688 1.50 Who Is Cletis Tout? (2001) (15) Thriller. 782918 3.25 The Door In The Floor (2004) (15) Drama. 141802

5.25 Blessings (2003) (PG) 57086424

### SKY CINEMA 1

6.00am The Pirates Of Penzance (1982) (U) Musical. 99744246 8.05 The Story Of The Weeping Camel (2004) (U) Documentary.

9.55 The Glenn Miller Story (1953) (U) Musical. 28140265 12.00noon The Young Lions (1958) (PG) Drama. 27829791 2.50 The Pirates Of Penzance 2.50 The Pirates Of Penzance (1982) (U) Musical, 5151378 4.50 Stranger Than Fiction – Sky Movies Special Proview of the forthcoming comedy, 92181178 5.10 The Young Lions (1958) (PG)

Drama, with Marlon Brando. 48875284 8.00 Scenes From A Mall (1990)

(15) Marital comedy, starring Bette Midler and Woody Allen, 9369913

9.30 Big Nothing – Sky Movies
Special Making of the comedy, 5847468

10.00 Performance (1970) (18) starring James Fox and

Jagger. 4750555 11.55 Bull Durham (1988) (15) Baseball comedy. 90881081 2.00am Funny Bones (1995) (15)

Comedy. 37405519 4.15 6.00 The Story Of The Weeping Camel (2004) (U) Documentary. 5316111

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## RADIO

Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 7.00
The Chris Moyles Show. 10.00 Jo
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Hown 1.00 JK And Joel. 6.00 JK
And Joels Filoor Filiers. 7.00 Essential
Selection With Peter Tong. 9.00 The
1Xtra Takeover With Ace & Vis. 1.00
Annie MacS Mash Up. 12.00 Fabio
And Grooverider. 2.00 In New DJs We
Trust. 4.00-7.00 Fadio 15 After Show
With The Trophy Twins.
Radio 2 (FM: 88-90.2 MHz) 6.00 Alex
Lester: The Dawn Patrol. 7.30 Wake
Up To Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00
Jeremy Vine. 2.00 Steve Wright. 5.00
Chris Evans. 7.00 The Dust Bowl
Balladeer. 7.30 Friday Night Is Music
Night. 9.15 James Bond Short
Stories. 9.30 Listen To The Band.
10.00 The Weekender. 12.00 Mark
Lamar. 3.00-6.00 Pete Mitchell.
Radio 5 Live (IWW: 909. 963 kHz)
5.00 Morming Reports. 5.30 Wake Up
To Money. 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00
Victoria Derbyshire: 12.00 Midday
News. 1.00 Simon Mayo. 4.00 Drive.
7.00 Five Live Sport. 10.00 Stephen
Nolan. 1.00-5.00 Up. All Night.
Virgin Radio (IWW: 215, 1197.
1242 kHz) 6.00 Christian O'Connell's
Breakfast Show. 10.00 Fuss Williams.
1.00 Neil Francis. 4.00 Martin.
1.00 Robin Burke. 1.00 The Edge.
3.00-6.00 Steve Harris. Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 7.00

SKY SPORTS ID 6.00am Live Test Cricket Australia v England. 101710 **8.30 European Tour Golf** 517517 **11.30** 

**SPORT** 

Test Cricket 842555 2.00pm The Rugby Club 42826 3.30 Live International Cricket

Acado 3.30 Live international ortices

5.0uth Africa v India, 9114933

7.00 Premier Loague Preview The
weekends fixtures. 4420

7.30 Live FA Cup Football King's Lynn v
Oldham Althletic (Kick-Off 8.00pm). Coverage of
the second-tound match at the Walks Stadium,
where the Southern League Premier hosts are
locking to eque, a mailer short. The I innefer. looking to cause a major shock. The Linnets beat Bishop's Stortford 5-3 in the first round to set up the biggest tie in their history, and Oldham boss will be hoping his men make his job easier than in round one, when they squeezed past Kettering Town 4-3. 10038178

10.15 Friday Fight Night Juan Manuel Maguazy Livray Large 12004 Marquez v Jimrex Jaca. 470081 12.00-6.00midnight Live Test Cricket

## SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am Aerobics 354333 6.30 Shift Adventure Snowriders 9173371 7.00 Aerobics 3538383 7.30 Shift Adventure Snowriders 3505623 8.00 Football League Review 3479772 9.00 Football 6743826 9.30 The Rugby Club 8172623 11.00 Football League Review 9514371 12.00noon Netball 9151159 2.00

European Tour Golf 6601772 5.00 Premier League Preview 5275826 5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial 6811642 6.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 2333772 7.00 World Sport The laiest events across the globe. 5255062 7.30 Test Cricket Australia v England. 5678420 10.00 International Cricket South Africa v India. 3563197 11.30 CrC Cricket World Magazine show. 9160807 12.00midnight FA Cup Football 5565537 1.30 World Sport 7603821 2.00 Friday Flight Night 3517208 3.45 Sky Sports Classics 46672802 4.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 3886173 5.00 Premier League Preview 3474227 5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial 3517918

### **SKY SPORTS 3**

6.00am frish Greyhound Racing 79458994
6.30 Race World 47109401 7.30 Need For Speed 57569159 8.00 Netball 12192791 10.00 Women's Pool 57581371 11.00 Racing News 4710791 11.30 Aerobics Oz Style 44711420 12.00hoon Transworld Sport 64886246 1.00 Need For Speed 57575282 1.30 NBA Action 64899710 2.00 NPL 16755371 5.00 WWE: Raw 82494401 7.00 European Tour Golf The New Zealand Open. 17874772 10.00 WWE: Late Night - Smackdown Over-the-top wrestling action. 44721807 12.00midnight WWE: Late Night - Bottom Line 40048228 1.00 European Tour Golf 78015738 4.00 FA Cup Football 65762717 5.30-6.00 World Sport 79422579

## SKY ONE

6.00am Taste 7.00 Pokemon 7.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! **8.00** Malcolm In The Middle **8.30** Malcolm In The Middle Middle 8.30 Malcolm in The Middle 9.00 Angel 10.00 Law & Order 11.00 Cold Case Noon Buffy 1.00 Angel 2.00 Cold Case Noon Buffy 1.00 Angel 2.00 Cold Case 3.00 Buffy 4.00 Starqate 5.00 Starqate 6.00 Malcolm in The Middle 6.30 Malcolm 1.00 Law Seas 11.00 Law 8.00 Flootball Icon 9.00 Road Wars: USA 10.00 Law Sequal 11.00 Law 6.00 Care Midhight Dom Joly's Happy Hour 1.00 Mile High 1.50 Premiership's Sexiest Players 2.40 Britain's Hardest 3.30 Guilty! 4.20 Taste 5.10-6.00 Dream Team

### **BBC THREE**

7.00pm Robin Hood 7.45 The Real Hustle 8.00 The Real Hustle 8.30 Hustle 8.00 The Real Hustle 8.30
EastEnders Unveiled: A Weddings
Special 9.10 Torchwood 10.00
EastEnders 10.30 EastEnders
Unveiled: A Weddings Special 11.15
Tittybangbang 11.45 Two Pints Of
Lager... 12.45 Family Guy 1.05
Family Guy 1.30 Torchwood 2.20
Tittybangbang 2.50 The Real Hustle
3.20 Honey We're Killing The Kids

### **BBC FOUR**

7.00pm Voyages Of Discovery 8.00 The World; Weather 8.30 Nation On Film **9.00** Joan Sutherland: The Reluctant Prima Donna **10.00** Sight And Sound In Concert: UB40 10.30 QI 11.00 Don't Watch That, Watch This! 11.30 The Avengers 12.20am Joan Sutherland: Reluctant Prima Donna 1.20 Nation On Film 1.50 Don't Watch That, Watch This! 2.20 Voyages Of Discovery 3.20 Joan Sutherland: Reluctant Prima Donna

### F4

6.00am Music: Uninterrupted 7.30 Wake Up With Dustin Hoffman And Will Ferrell **8.30** Whatever You Want 11.00 Nothing But Baldies Noon E4 Music: Uninterrupted 1.00 Freshly Squeezed Extra 2.00 The OC 3.00 Reunion 4.00 Scrubs 4.30 Hollyoaks Heunion 4.00 Scrubs 4.30 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 6.00 The OC 7.00 Hollyoaks 7.30 Scrubs 8.00 Friends 9.00 Stop Treating Me Like A Kird 10.00 Film: Along Came A Spider (2001) (15) 11.55 Unanimous: The Fallout 12.30am Porn: A Family ratiout 12.30am Porn: A Family Business 1.05 Stop Treating Me Like A Kid 2.05 Reunion 2.50 The OC 3.35 Porn: A Family Business 4.05 Switched 4.25 Switched 4.50 Switched 5.10 Switched

## MORE4

10.45am Countdown 11.35 Deal Or No Deal 12.25pm Paul O'Grady 1.25 Film: The Thomas Crown Affair (1968) (PG) 3.20 Thirtysomething 4.25 Film: Retreat, Hell! (1952) (U) 6.05 Deal Or No Deal 7.00 A Place In The Sun 8.00 News 8.30 Jon Stewart 9.00 The Age Of Aids 11.15 Curb Your Enthusiasm 11.55 Jon Stewart 12.25am Thirtysomething

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10pm Freeview 10.20 R\*\* Junies 10,30 Ben Dover 10.55 Two Jonnies 11.00 Freeview 11.10 Two Jonnies 11.30 The P\*\* Vator 11.50 Teresa Scott Unleashed Midnight Freeview 12.10 Teresa Scott Unleashed 12.20 Omar Show 12.35 Eurochicks 12.45 Naked City 1.00 Freeview 1.10 Naked City 1.15 UK Swingers 1.40 Au Pair 2.00 D\*\*\* Dan 2.15 Super\*\*\* 2.35 Filthy Britsh S\*\*\*\* 2.45 Young As They C\*\* 5 4.05 Wasteland

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MARK ALISTAIR HAM,

Bolton.

Bolton.
THERE was a robbery at a snooker hall, but all the gang got away with was four red balls and a black. The police said it was a bad break for the thieves.

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years before Jesus, there were festivals held at this time to celebrate the only true religion of the British people – paganism. Christianity is an alien religion, forced on us by the Romans. Thankfully, it is now dying out.

NEIL FOSTER,
St Helens, Merseyside.

If I were in Australla for the cricket, I would want to sit as far away as possible from the noisy Barmy Army.
Their "singing" is almost as inept as the England team's playing skills were in the first Test.

COLIN FENN,
Southgate, N. London.

I CAN'T believe what passes for entertainment. Reality shows I'm A Celebrity, The X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing are rubbish. If my TV's on these days, it's mostly to watch DVDs.

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## Pain from Spain

I'M due to marry my fiancée of three years at Christmas but I just feel like walking

out.
The problem is that her sister is one big, mouthy tart.
She's got an opinion on everything from how my fiancée and I should look, to what colour toilet paper we should have at the reception.
She's driving me nuts and I hate the way she's bullying and demoralising my fiancée, too. Until a few weeks ago we had this wedding licked.
We knew exactly how we wanted it to all go. But suddenly she's strolled in from her home in Spain and is teaking over

her home in Spain and is taking over. The whole family

The whole family are terrified of her, especially my future in-laws and it's pathetic.

She's so bolshy that no-one likes standing up to her and I can't take any more.

JANE SAYS: This is your wedding and you need to reclaim it and put your stamp back on it again.

it again.
Your future sister-inlaw is out of order and
needs to be told.
When this wedding is
over, she'll skip back to
Spain and it'll have been
her "do" and not yours
and you'll regret it.
Even if everyone else
is frightened of her, you
flancée and insist you
get things back on track.

get things back on track.
Be strong, stand your
ground and start saying
"no" – simply storming out is the coward's war of handling a tricky situation.



I'VE been dropped by one of my rve been gropped by one of my oldest male friends after a mind-boggling weekend of passion.

Three weeks ago we got drunk, went to bed and didn't get dressed again until two days later.

In between we kissed, drank, wrestled and made the most amazing love. We chased each

other around his flat, groping and play fighting. We had sex in every single room, in every imaginable position. We even went online to talk dirty to some swingers from Brighton.

### Regrets

We were completely bonkers for almost 48 hours and had a wild and crazy time. But now he's refusing to answer my calls and

is telling mutual friends that he never wants to

is telling mutual friends that he never wants to see me again. Apparently he regrets ever letting me get close to him. He thinks that our friendship should never have crossed the lihe and become sexual. He even blames me for seducing him. It's unbelievable. This is a guy I've known for more than 10 years. I've been on holiday with him twice and socialised with him hundreds of times. Yet suddenly he's crutting me out.

cutting me out.

Our weekend was no quickie, no one-night stand, we must have made love more than 20 times.

love more than 20 times.

He knew what he was
doing. I even had to get
emergency contraception
on the Monday morning.
I'm devastated and confused. How dare he treat me
like this after all the years
I'm known him?

I've known him?

JANE SAYS: Unfortunately your friend no longer feels that he can have a relationship with you. On that crazy weekend a line was crossed, You went from being friends to lovers. Clearly that's not what he wants in his life and, sadly, there's no going back. It's immature and pretty

and, sadly, there's no going back.
It's immature and pretty lame of him to blame you for seducing him as it always takes two to tango. But if he's looking for someone to blame and isn't prepared to take any responsibility himself then you're the obvious choice. If you ask me, he sounds rather pathetic and a bit of a prat. If he can't even pick the phone up to you after 10 years of friendship and sort this out, then is he really worth bothering with? I think not.
Maybe he's embarrassed but neither of you are kids. You should be able to talk this through.

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ave him, he'd almost led her.

NAME WITHHELD
I'VE always had a love/hate relationip with my stepfather.
Basically, he loves to ond me up, and I solutely hate him

## He makes me sleep in the car

IF I am not home by 9.30pm, my boyfriend bolts the front door and I have to sleep in the car. It doesn't matter how much I bang and beg, he won't unlock the door again until 8am the

next morning.
When I'm eventually allowed home, we always have a huge

row and then he doesn't speak to me for up to a fortnight. Even though I pay half the mortgage and bills, he won't change.

JANE SAYS: Sleeping in the car is really dangerous – anyone could break in and attack you. What on earth is your idiotic boyfriend

playing at? It's your home and you can come and go as you please. How dare he impose a curfew or limit your liberty? If he's so insecure that he can't bear the idea of you going out, then you must get shot of him.

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Aries

THIS is a strange and wonderful time when you might be travelling somewhere. If you are, you could find yourself in a tight spot. Expect some behind-the-scenes activity this weekend. Lines of communication will be stretched, but things should work out in the end. To see why you might enter unfamiliar territory, call enter unfamiliar territory, call.

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A DEAL might be agreed, and all you have to do is exchange contracts. But remember – this is hardly a licence to print money. Even the simplest arrangement could be affected this weekend. Don't worry – guardian angels will be watching over you. To understand why you could ask for the Moon, call...

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Gemini

PLANS have been made and even the location has been chosen. The rest you can leave to partners – though it seems that one particular person is aiming for something different. Watching what is going on from the outside might be fun. To understand why you are still the number one choice, call...

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NO doubt others will tell you how precious you are and how much they value you. Yet, for some reason, they might catch you off your guard this weekend. Even now you are not quite sure what you are supposed to be doing. It might help if you speak up. To understand why a daring move at work is possible, call...

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Leo

CERTAIN individuals could lead you astray.
They will use all their charms on you to get DEFINIAL INDIVIDUALS COUID lead you astray. They will use all their charms on you to get their way. You could be the one who ends up handing out the money this weekend. Remember though – the more you spend, the more it shows you care for someone. To understand why everyone's a winner when it comes to love, call...

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Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

EVERYTHING should run smoothly and you won't have to stay at work any longer than is necessary. To be honest, you may not want to be at home too much either this weekend. Do it for the family's sake, though really it's for the sake of a relationship. To understand why things are about to change at home, call...

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(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Libra

EVEN though your nearest and dearest have plenty of endearing qualities, they can be selfish at times and will refuse to budge over a certain issue. If you could run away this weekend, you would – though you'd be sorely missed. But barriers will be overcome. To understand why a struggle is now over, call...

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Scorpio

AN offer seems to be the genuine article. However, you haven't been paid yet. The chances are that others will take a risk – thinking that you'll help them out this weekend. Make sure you don't fall for it. Whatever you do, don't give your cash card number. To understand why you can afford to be sentimental, call...

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Sagittarius (Im 23-In 21)

THE influence of Venus in Sagitarius will enable you to get your own way today. It's surprising how easily swayed others are. You might not say that when you return home from a day out. The good news is that a reorganisation will put things in order. To understand why you will weather the storm when it comes to a personal issue, call....

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Capricorn (lt: 22-Ja 21)

THIS week should end on a reassuring note, even if you are working alone or for yourself. After that, you must be prepared for a sudden change of plan. It would be best to leave early. Is there something going on that others aren't telling you about? You still won't be put off. To find out about a closely guarded secret, call...

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Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

ANOTHER week is over and you should be in a light-hearted mood. Just make up to a fall. A promise may be broken soon – and the excuses will be the same old ones. Basically, others want you to pay. To understand why you might be more popular than ever, call...

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**Pisces** 

(Feb 28-Mar 20) YOU should end the working week feeling

(C) rous should end the working week idealing value and the work colleague hasn't come through or been passed on. However, you may decide to change your goals anyway. You might even drop a bombshell of your own. Do it in an acceptable way if you can. To understand why critical acclaim is welcome, call...

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KIMBERLY STEWART, 27

BEFORE: Aah! Here's Kimberly looking all cute before her wild rock chick days.

DURING: She's hardly the shy, retiring type after a night out with Paris. Another recent booze-fest for the pair ended up with Paris in handcuffs after she apparently failed a breathalyser test and spent the evening down the cop shop.

AFTER: kim's rocker dad Rad, 61, recently revealed his fears for her health, but that hasn't slowed her down. Here she is after one of her legendary London binges in June. Well and truly Hillon'd!

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## **GIVE US SAMOA**

to change.
Good news – Angle-Joe II is on for December. FT can also reveal Joe himself will be over here for the March ROH tour, tickets go on sale on December 13 at www.rohwrestling.com

## **Battling** for prizes

of to bring you two of the best-ever prizes in the last fortnight and we're happy to congratulate Paul Jeavons, right, from the West Midlands, who went to SS on Sunday, and to Drew Wilson, of Bucks, who won the telly. Fair play lads, and fear not, our efforts will never cease.















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STRAIN: Edge, top, stretches Shawn Michaels

**AROUND** this time of year the thoughts of every pro in WWE turn to

the thoughts of every pro in WWE turn to Wrestlemania.

Adam Copeland of Toronto, Canada – aka Edge – is just like the rest of them in that regard. It's eyes down for the great game of strategy, hammered out in wrestling's biggest playground. All those around you are jockeying for position with their ringwork, winding the crowd up on the stick and playing politics backstage to get their spot on that stellar card.

### Burns

Except this year for Edge, it's a little different. Ignore that debacle on Sunday night. He's a two-time world champion and he stole the show last time out in Chicago in a brutal street fight with the hardcore legend Mick Foley.

When he talks about that match, there is a satisfied look in his eyes.

The man knows his stock will remain high on the back of that outing for many a moon. He told me:

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"Yeah, it was a completely different match. I never got asked to go though any flaming table, that was my own stupidity, and Mick's just as stupid as I am. I was worried that I had to go through it face first!
"I wasn't wearing anything, which was another concern. I ended up with second-degree burns on my arms and hands."
Wrestlemania itself, Edge assured me, is enough to inspire any pro wrestler to such extremes on the biggest night of his life. He said: "My driving force them was that I felt I should have been in the World Title Match. I decided that if I wasn't going to have the match that everyone talked about.
"Mick's the perfect guy to have that kind of match with. He's a great guy and he had that same mentality."
With Edge consistently producing the goods at main event level for two years now, barring injury, one might

imagine he's a shoe-in for the top spot at the showpiece in Detroit. Surprisingly, he's not so sure.

"It's something I haven't accomplished – I'd love to do it but I don't know how feasible it is with the landscape the way it is now," he said. "I'd like to see the winning streak kept intact and one year I'd like to go one-on-one with Taker at Wrestlemania.

"That would be my ultimate match, and depending on what year it is, a nice way to say goodbye, too."

### Health

One man Edge might well have raised the roof with next spring is Kurt Angle, whose departure has provided food for thought.

"I hope the best for him, I hope more than anything that he's healthy," said Edge.

"I hope he doesn't let his competitiveness and his drive get in the way of his health."

Edge deserves that Mania main

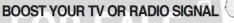
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accommodation for a seven day gaming spree plus \$1,000 spending money.
Craig, a 43 year old professional driver from Manchester says, "I started playing on 888.com not that long ago on their 'practice play' games where you can learn a lot without losing a penny. This was very helpful to me. I would still describe myself as a relatively inexperienced player but I was myself as a relatively inexperienced player but I was still able to win through despite hefty competition." Craig has a tip for beginners

who are going to enter today's tournament, "Don't go chasing straights looking for one card!

hands, keep it simple."

Describing his experiences on the 888.com website and the tournament itself, Craig makes the following comments: "The software is simple and user-friendly. If found everything very easy to navigate." So we asked Craig if he was surprised that he won?
"Yes! I was! It was an

"Yes! I was! It was an amazing roller coaster with a rewarding outcome but the weirdest thing was I found the Final itself easier than the qualifiers. Must've just been my day, I guess! I'd say to anyone, 'go for it' Especially with the chance of winning Big Bucks in the Rabames!" Big Bucks in the Bahamas!



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6pm and 8.30pm. Tournaments start at 8pm and 8.30pm and you have to be on time!

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'Originality is the fine art of remembering what you hear, but forgeting where you heard it' - Mies van der Rohe

## Movers

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FOOTBALLERS'

management agency First Artist yesterday announced the 215.5million purchase of the ad agency that handles hit shows such as Cats and The Sound of Music.

The stock market listed company is buying Dewynters, the biggest ad agency in London's West End, handling productions for the likes of Cameron Mackintosh and Lord Lloyd Webber. With its roots going back to 1924, Dewynters is owned by Robert De Wynter and managing director Anthony Pye-Jeary.

PRIVATE equity
group 3i, best known
for buying and growing
private firms, is setting
up a new team to take
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by Bruce CarnegieGrown, the ex-UK chief of
insurance broker Marsh
& McClennan, the
four-man team will be on
the lookout for poorly
performing firms to
shake up.

UBS Wealth
Management has
signed a three-year
sponsorship deal with
The Sage Gateshead
and resident orchestra
Northern Sinfonia.
Paddy Lewis, investment
director at UBS in
Newcastle says the
North East is "a key
regional market" where
assets under management have doubled in
two years.

MOBILE phone magnate John Caudwell was last night named Entrepreneur threpreneurs of the Year at the CBI/Real Business Growing Awards in London. Past winners of the title include Sir Richard Branson and Sir Philip Green.

THE DEALER

## **HOT GOSSIP**

ONLINE direct marketing services firm Interactive Prospect Targeting rebounded 4.5p to 176p yesterday from recent market weakness. The company's French Directinet business, bought for £22.5million earlier this year, is thought to be trading strongly.

## Rentokil wraps up its prey

RENTOKIL Initial has paved the way for an eventual break-up by bulking up its parcel delivery arm and preparing to put its electronic security division up for sale. The support services group announced yesterday it was buying Target Express for

£210million to merge with its City Link business.

The enlarged parcel company will generate amual sales of close to £400m and handle 340,000 parcels a day, second only to DHL in the market.

The acquisition comes as Rentokil announced a strategic

review of Initial Electronic Security. which provides CCTV and intruder alarms for hospitals and private businesses across Europe and the US. The move is expected to result in an auction, with a price tag of up to \$550m.

Shares closed up 1.5p at 150p.

## **FAIR SHARES**

SPECULATION that acquisitive Icelandic retail investor Baugur could be seeking out another target boosted sports retailer JJB Sports yesterday. But a weak opening on Wall Street put pressure on the UK market. The FTSE 100 fell 35.6 points to 6048.8.

## £30m facelift hits DIY giant

■ by REG ROBERTS

SHARES DIV Kingfisher took a hammering

yesterday.
Problems arose after it emerged that overhauling the troubled B&Q chain would knock a £30million hole in next year's profits.

year's profits.
Kingfisher said it was accelerating the refurbishment of the underperforming UK chain and would spend £75m on its largest warehouse stores next year.
Worries over the cost of the makeover sent shares in Kingfisher down 2.1%, clossing of \$5.5 \text{ he down}.

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"The returns that we expect means that this is a very, very sensible investment," insisted Kingfisher finance director Duncan Tatton-Brown.
Each store refit costs £3m with £1m of lost sales while the builders are in.

### Weak

It is currently working on eight revamps and will tackle another 25 next year.
Kingfisher believes introducing the new look – which squeezes in room sets and more products – across its 115 warehouses will boost sales at the outlets by 25%.
Kingfisher said the UK home improvement market continued to be "weak and price sensitive" with like-for-like sales at B&Q stores down 1.1% in the three months to October 28. to October 28

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However that was a marked improvement on the 8% slide seen at the start of the year.

B&Q profits were still down more than 7% at 246.6m on flat sales of £1bn.

Analyst forecasts for next year are expected to come down by £30m with Seymour Pierce analyst Richard Rather reiterating the B&Q turnaround was "a three-year job".



## A PIECE OF THE **ACTION**

TRAVEL group and Eurocamp owner

Holidaybreak is on the buying trail.
Chief executive Carl Michel said the company
was in serious talks to acquire a couple of
adventure holiday firms in Europe. "People
are looking for more from a holiday than
spending two weeks on a beach," he said.
He was speaking as the company reported a
rise in pre-tax profits from £29.9million to
£32.1m for the year to September. He added
that short breaks to London were recovering
from the effects of the July 7 bombings.

## War on terror is winning profits

EXTRA spending on defence and the war on terror by President Bush drove expansion at **QinetiQ** – the tech-

at Ginetia - the technology group spun out of Britain's weapons research laboratories. Helped by acquisitions in America, the US Department of Defense is now the group's second biggest customer after our own Ministry of Defence and its fastest growing market. Sales in North America nearly doubled

Sales in North America nearly doubled to £165.8million in the six months to the end of September, as total turn-over rose 14% to £539m.

### Jobs

Underlying profits rose 18% to £43.9m, though pre-tax profits were down to £23.7m after one-off costs-including £9m for restructuring as 250 jobs were cut. Key US wins included a five-year contract with the military for the X-Net vehicle stopping device and increased sales of its Talon bomb disposal robots. Non-defence work ranged from high-tech foot gauges for shoe

foot gauges for shoe shops and the Tarsier runway debris detector

for airports. QinetiQ shares rose 12.5p to 186.75p, well ahead of August's low of 162p, but still below the February flotation price of 200p.

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## **US BAN BAD BET** FOR SPORTING

INTERNET gaming group **Sportingbet's** forced departure from the US in the wake of the online gambling ban cost £252,4million.

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Chief executive Andy
McIver said the losses
stemmed from a drastic

stemmed from a drastic three-month restructuring imposed by the ban. As a result, the company made pre-tax losses of £241.4m, compared to profits of £14.3m for the first quarter to October. "The US was responsible for 80% of our business, and we've gone from a company application."

a company employing more than 800 people to

just 270 in three months," he said. But the good news is

But the good news is there were stronger than expected performances from the group's opera-tions in Europe and Australia. McIver said: "Europe and Australia have had it easy in the past but we're easy in the past, but we're now going to be pushing them much harder."

The company is also looking to expand into Germany, despite previous failures.

"The Germans are not keen on expans bettier."

keen on sports betting, but they do like casino gambling," he said.

RVE looked everywhere for a cheap Skoda Fabia vRS, but can't find one. All the cars I've been to look at are really expensive. Why is this?

A Fabia's mix of potent power and 55mpg fuel consumption has been a hit for Skoda. Residuals are the best ever for the firm – even the first cars, registered in 2003, will set you back \$7,900 from a dealer (new price was \$12k).

The best cars are kept within the dealer network, and this lack of supply keeps prices firm. Some high mileage cars are cheaper, but you'll still have to pay above £6,000.



A my girlfriend is buying me a personalised registration plate for my birthday. How much will it cost to transfer it, how do I go about it and what happens to the old number?

A fou need to complete a transfer of registration form (called a V317) and take it with all the documents (including V5 and MOT) to your local DVLA office.

It'll cost £80 to swap them and the DVLA will take back your original number. You'll get your new registration documents through the post a few weeks later.



## Flash, or what?

THIS lot (above) has got to be the perfect pressie for the man with everything... well if you can afford a Lamborghini you probably have got everything.
It's the Italian firm's range of limited edition Christmas candles, baubles and even Christmas cards – in the official colours of Lamborghini's V12 Murciélago LP640, launched earlier this year.
There are baubles and slow-burning candles, all bearing the Lamborghini shield and finished in a gold spray.

### Models

Christmas cards are available in presentation boxes of 20 (£25.85), complete with special white ink pens for writing on the toated black cards, while there are model cars, pencils and pads, mouse mats and Tshirts, cufflinks, ladles' wallets and card holders in Lamborghini yellow, and luxurious cashmere scarves for men and women. Items are available from Lamborghini dealers in London, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester, or online at www.lamborghini.co.uk
Sorry, but I have to go and be sick now.

LOOKING for a new car bargain? Then how about a flash Jaguar S-Type? It's n around since 1999, but in spring 2008 ill be replaced by an all-new saloon ed the Jaguar XF, so you can be sure lers will already be looking to shift what ck they've got. No pictures of the XF are liable yet, but Jaguar promise "a new vrts saloon that will challenge people to k again about Jaguar as daring and erent". Whatever, The XF has been igned and developed at Jaguar's elopment Centre at Whitley, Coventry will be built at Castle Bromwich, mingham.

# OTOR MO

IT'S got to be one of the best-looking, fastest, swishest motors that I have ever driven.

But after a week in the sensational new Jaguar XKR Convertible, and flooring it at every opportunity, I can also report that it's bloody annoying.

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Some of its irritations were simply equipment that didn't work, then did, then didn't again. Others were built-in botherations that you'd simply have to accept and learn to live with.

Oh dear. Where do we start with a car that handles like a dream, cruises like a limo, has genuine supercar performance, with matching noise and is one of the biggest head-turners around right now?

We'll start with a plus point – its tyrepressure sensors work. I know because it arrived with a slow puncture —, and an accompanying dashboard warning.

Dodgy

I got it fixed and, when you consider that this is a car that will hit 155mph in not much more than nodding approval, that's a big plus mark for Jag. The last thing you want at that speed is a dodgy tyre. Thank you Mr Computer – a Lexusstyle, touch-screen sensitive luxury piece of kit that comes as standard, including sat-nay, heating controls for the dual-zone climate control, the 6-CD stereo system, trip computer, in fact everything you could want and a bit more.

Only trouble was, Mr Computer was also having a bit of a strop for the week I had the car and, however many buttons I pressed he refused to come out to play – in other words, it simply didn't work. This was more than annoying if you were half-way through listening to Ken Bruce's morning music quiz, or, even worse, Alan Green commentating on the match.

But it gets worse...
When it was working, every time I selected reverse the radio volume was completely shut down, only to be replaced by a deafening screech indicating that the parking sensors were active.

Nightmare

## Nightmare

So, for the whole of any revers-ing manoeuvre, plus a few seconds

ing manoeuvre, plus a few seconds afterwards, somebody could have scored a goal for all I knew. "Rooney's in the box. He shoots, and... screeeech, screeech, screeeech." And worse... Reversing a Jaguar XKR convertible is a nightmare, because you can barely see where you're going. Honestly, it's frightening. No wonder it's got the world's loudest parking sensors.

parking sensors.

It may have been November but, in the end, I simply dropped the hood into the boot so I could see

where I was going. Well, it only takes a few seconds, all at the push of a button, so provided it's not raining and that you don't mind looking a total prat, it does save on bodyshop repair bills.

I wish I could end it there, with the "will it, won't it, work?" computer, the horrendously noisy parking sensor that shuts off the radio and the almost total lack of rear vision, but I can't.

radio and the almost total lack of rear vision, but I can't.

And worse...

Let's just say that this is not a car that would suit a compulsive shopper. The boot is totally, utterly, pathetic, despite using a space saver as a spare wheel.

It may be four feet wide (this is a big car), but if you want the hood down there's a separating panel,

that has to be put in place to stop you squashing stuff, that makes it, in part, just seven inches high.

In part, just seven inches night.

If you're prepared to drive with
the hood permanently raised,
which makes buying a convertible
seem pointless, you'll get 14 inches
of height, at the start, (ooh) tapering back to just a couple of inches
at the back, a mere 30 inches away.

### Luxury

For years, all models of Jags have been blighted by almost use-less boots and the XKR is no

exception.
I suppose I am having a bit of a moan this week, so it would be unfair to let the XKR go by without mentioning the very thing people buy it for ... and that's speed, beauty and luxury. It scores 10 out of 10 in all these departments. It is blindingly quick and growls and howls from the moment you press the start button. It's a real attention-grabber.

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Once you get it into Pc Gotcha territory the XKR turns into an unseen fist that smashes you from 70 to 155mph with a deep, thunderous, roar. It is sensational, especially on the speed-limit-free motorways of Germany where I took it

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Would I want one? I would if power, looks and comfort were the be-all and end-all.
Sadly, though, I like at least a portion of practicality.
And the XKR didn't serve up anything like enough.



